comment until July 31, 1998. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Office, Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395–7285. Comments may also be submitted to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Justice Management Division, Information Management and Security Staff, Attention: Department of Clearance Officer, Suite 850, 1001 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Additionally, comments may be submitted to DOJ via facsimile to (202) 514–1590.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of the information collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Individual Manufacturing Quota for a Basic Class of Controlled Substance.

3. *Agency form number:* DEA Form 189, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit.

Title 21, Section 1303.22 of the Code of Federal Regulations requires that any person who is registered to manufacture any basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule I or II and who desires to manufacture a quantity of such class shall apply on DEA Form 189 for a manufacturing quota for such quantity of such class.

5. *An estimate of the total estimated number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 27 respondents at approximately 10 responses per year at .5 hour per response.

6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 135 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Title IV–D, Demonstration Program: Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations

AGENCY: Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA 98–04).

SUMMARY: All information required to submit a proposal is contained in this announcement. Applicants for grant funds should read this notice in its entirety and respond as directed. Grant proposals that are not completed as directed will be judged nonresponsive and will not be evaluated.

The Women's Bureau (WB), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announces the fifth (5) year of the Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGAs) first authorized by the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act under its grant provision to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to deliver Technical Assistance (TA) to private sector Employers and Labor Unions (E/LUs) to prepare them to increase the recruiting, training, promotion, and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations (A/NTOs) in their workplaces. WANTO is a competitive grant program funded through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title IV-D. While the Women's Bureau has responsibility for implementing the competitive grant process, the WANTO Act is jointly administered by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT)/Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Women's Bureau (WB).

The Department expects to make up to eight (8) WANTO awards to experienced, private nonprofit CBOs from the funds allocated for FY 1998. With the fifth year of WANTO grants, the Department will give priority consideration to proposals for technical assistance that leverage WANTO funds in Federally designated Empowerment Zones (EZ) and Enterprise Communities (EC) in both rural and urban areas. (See Appendix A for a listing of Urban EZ/EC cities and Appendix B for a listing of Rural EZ/EC areas and contacts.) The Department expects WANTO funded CBOs to assist employers and labor unions to make commitments to increase the participation of EZ/EC area women who are returning to work after welfare and related long-term work disruptions. The DOL is particularly concerned with obtaining the commitment of employers and labor unions who have jobs/careers in information technology, manufacturing, and *apprenticeship* in skilled construction building trades. Employers and labor unions will be encouraged to assist returning women to enter and remain in apprenticeship training and other nontraditional employment in these industries by (1) providing them with information on the realities of work and the company's promotion and employee development practices, (2) creating a firm-specific individual development plan, (3) providing for firm-specific skill/job development to promote job advancement, and (4) providing for support services utilizing both firm and community resource networks. CBOs should note well that WANTO training is for employer or labor union firm/company-specific (demand) and is not to increase the general store (supply) of trained workers in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. Finally, each proposal MUST include a specific defined internal program evaluation design.

In this time of economic prosperity and skill shortage, it is clear that CBOs'

technical assistance can convince employers and labor unions of the advantage of training and support services to develop their own skilled, stable, and competitive work force. It is equally clear that advances in high technology has moved the U.S. economy from the smokestack industrial age to the information age. Advances in high-tech and microelectronics have spurred the restructuring manufacturing industry and given rise to a variety of computer-based jobs/careers in service sector industries—e.g., public utilities, transportation, finance, real estate, business, professional and personal services, as well as the rise of the information technology industry. Such industries can provide the stable year-round jobs women returning to work need to begin building a self-sufficient future with good wages and benefits. Nonetheless, *apprenticeship* in the skilled building trades and highway construction can provide important career opportunities for women, particularly given the shortage of skilled workers. Therefore, the Department will give priority consideration to applications with an occupational/industrial focus that link, in the first instance, to the delivery of technical assistance to employers and unions in information technology, high-tech skilled manufacturing (including tool and die, technicians and machinists to customize, repair, and service products) and other nonconstruction industries, including utilities, telecommunications, transportation, computer-based business, professional and personal services, and in *apprenticeship* in the skilled building trades in construction. In the second instance, priority consideration will be given to the delivery of technical assistance to employers and labor unions linked to jobs with private contractors on State/Federal Department of Transportation highway and road projects, including construction. In all, the aim of the technical assistance is to promote the placement and training of EZ/EC area women returning to work after welfare and other long-term disruptions in project-committed employer and union workplaces.

Proposals including ALL four (4) of the Department's priority interests (noted and summarized below) for CBO technical assistance to employers and labor unions will receive thirty (30) bonus points. To receive any bonus points, the proposal MUST focus on Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities where the CBO has a commitment to leverage WANTO activities in the EZ/EC areas, as noted in Appendices A and B. (1) Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC), (2) Nonconstruction industrial and *apprenticeship* in the skilled building trades in construction and highway industries focuses, (3) employer and labor union commitment to placement and skill development to increase the participation of women returning to work after welfare and other long-term work disruptions, and (4) employer and labor union commitment for support services—particularly, child care, transportation, and transitional costs—for women returning to work from welfare and other long-term work disruptions.

1. Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZs/ECs) have been identified in both rural and urban areas and can be characterized as having high incidences of poverty. Further, these are areas where other public resources are now being leveraged to revitalize their economies, including incentives for job creation in private enterprise. The Department also wants to leverage WANTO funding in these areas of concentrated economic resources to support both employers and labor unions who want to help themselves by increasing the participation of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations, particularly EZ/EC area women who are returning to work from welfare and other long-term work disruptions. (See Appendices A and B for lists of EZ/EC areas and contact agencies.)

2. Industry-Occupation focus should reflect non-construction industries, particularly in manufacturing and information technology. The Department's priority is to emphasize the wide diversity of apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations beyond the building trades. While the most often-cited high-pay nontraditional occupations are those of the skilled building trades, e.g., carpenters, plumbers, electricians, sheet metal workers or welders, etc.; in the construction industry, there is also a variety of high-pay nontraditional occupations arising from the advances of high technology in nonconstruction industries. Jobs in some industries have significant labor shortages and can support the entry and skill development needs of women returning to work from welfare and other long-term work disruptions. High-tech has restructured manufacturing, both improving and/or developing new manufacturing processes in fiber optics, chemicals, and petroleum. Such career opportunities have increased the need for technicians' skills in electronics and related computer-based skills and machinists skilled to customize, service, build, and repair precision machinery in manufacturing. Still other fast growing computer-based jobs are found in service sector industries, e.g., business/professional services (including record keeping, financial, and personal services), other high-tech and information technologies driven by the growth in telecommunications, utilities, transportation, and health care industries. Statistical projections continue to anticipate employment growth and labor shortages in nonconstruction occupations, particularly those requiring technical skills. Thus, the window of opportunity is open for women returning to work for employers and labor unions in these industries who want to build a stable, skilled, and competitive work force.

3. Skill Development and Related Training is a necessary component to advancement to self-sufficiency for women returning to work from welfare and other long-term work disruptions. Not only must they work, but returning women also need a range of employment related skills, including readiness and job-specific skills to enter and remain in self-sufficient jobs and to move up the career ladder. Such training includes not only informal buddy or on-the-job mentoring by experienced workers, but also more structured work readiness and pre-apprenticeship programs linked to sponsored apprenticeship training programs. Therefore, it is important that proposed responses to this SGA show constructive strategies that promote both placement and training for women returning to work in the CBO's delivery of technical assistance to employer and labor union preparation to recruit, train, promote, and retain women in apprenticeship and other nontraditional occupations. Training is an area where community-wide resources and EZ/EC area leverages might provide advantages to WANTO technical assistance. Moreover, emphasis should be on both work and skills training during the workday, since many of the target women are single mothers with small children, that does not allow them much free time to obtain skills training after working hours.

4. Support Services are a necessary service for most work families. Many women seeking to enter or sustain themselves in apprenticeship and other nontraditional employment are unable to enter and/or complete training programs or employment because of the lack of child care, transportation, and transitional costs. This is another area where the community-wide human

resources and social services of EZ/EC areas can supplement and/or support WANTO technical assistance to employers and labor unions in their efforts with the CBO to women returning to work after welfare and other long-term work disruptions to become economically viable again. Therefore, grant proposals also should discuss workplace strategies for technical assistance to employers and labor unions that also bring to the attention of employers and labor unions the need and how to develop cooperative strategies with community resources to provide for transitional costs (including fees/dues, tools, uniforms, and living costs), child care, and transportation.

This notice describes the background, the application process, statement of work, evaluation criteria, and reporting requirements for this Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA 98–04). WB anticipates that a total amount of $1,000,000 will be available for the support of all Fiscal Year 1998. (See Part II.C. for funding limitations per grant.)

DATES: One (1) ink-signed original, complete grant application plus five (5) copies of the Technical Proposal and three (3) copies of the Cost Proposal shall be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Procurement Services, Room N–5416, Reference SGA 98–04, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, not later than 4:45 p.m. ET, August 17, 1998. Hand-delivered applications must be received by the Office of Procurement Services by that time.

ADDRESSES: Applicants who intend to submit a proposal must register immediately with the Grant Officer in order to receive any amendment to this solicitation that is issued. Please send registration to U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Procurement Services, Attention: Grant Officer, Reference SGA 98–04, Room N–5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Grant applications must be mailed to U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Procurement Services, Attention: Grant Officer, Reference SGA 98–04, Room N–5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Applicants are encouraged to verify delivery to this office directly through their delivery service and as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Applications will not be mailed. The **Federal Register** may be obtained from your nearest government office or library. Questions concerning this solicitation may be sent to Lisa Harvey at the following Internet address: lharvey@dol.gov.

Part I. Background

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act

Pub. L. 102–530, signed October 27, 1992—

The Act has three major activities that affect this SGA:

1. Outreach to Employers and Labor Unions. DOL will promote the Act's program to employers and labor unions by informing them of the availability of technical assistance and keeping a data base of employers and community-based organizations with active grants.

2. Technical Assistance. DOL will provide grants to community-based organizations to deliver technical assistance to employers and labor unions to prepare them to recruit, train, and employ women in apprenticeable and nontraditional occupations.

3. Liaison Role of Department of Labor. DOL will serve as follows: (1) To act as a liaison between employers, labor, and the community-based organizations providing technical assistance, and (2) coordinating, conducting regular assessment, and seeking input of employers and labor unions.

Women's Bureau

Improving women's employment opportunities and related equity issues have been the driving force of the Bureau's activities and policies since its inception in 1920. Within the Department of Labor, the Director serves as the policy advisor to the Secretary on issues related to working women.

The Bureau has a history of encouraging women to consider the wide array of apprenticeable and other occupations nontraditional to women as one way to obtain economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. Nontraditional occupations (NTOs) are occupations where women account for 25 percent or less of all persons employed in an occupational group. NTOs include the often-cited skilled trades in construction, as well as the emerging ''good'' or high-pay jobs in nonconstruction as the result of advances in high-tech and the pervasiveness of microelectronics. Nonetheless, the lack of a critical mass of women in good, high-pay jobs in both construction and nonconstruction results in continued occupational segregation and artificial employment barriers to women's success in apprenticeship and NTOs, particularly in the old established workplaces and occupations, particularly in construction trades. Studies point out that once hired, women in construction face problems (sexism, racism, homophobia, inadequate toilet facilities, health and safety, isolation from other women, etc.) that erode their retention in jobs. These problems are beyond the usual problems faced by all women and some men—sexual harassment, pay equity, balancing work and family responsibilities. (See, Laurie Wessman LeBreton, Sara Segal Loevy, and Lauren Sugerman, Building Equal Opportunity, and Breaking New Ground: Worksite 2000.)

The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training

The Women's Bureau co-administers WANTO with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT). BAT was established in 1937 as the national administrative agency in the Department of Labor to carry out the objectives of the National Apprenticeship Act (also known as the Fitzgerald Act), guided by the recommendations of the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship. BAT has the objective to stimulate and assist industry in the development, expansion, and improvement of apprenticeship and training programs designed to provide the skilled workers required by the American economy.

Under the National Apprenticeship Act, the Bureau is responsible for providing service to existing apprenticeship programs and technical assistance to organizations who would like to establish an apprenticeship program. The Bureau works very closely with State Apprenticeship Councils (SAC) and the educational system to deliver support services at the national, State and local level. When apprentices finish their training, they receive certificates of completion of apprenticeship. These are issued by the State apprenticeship agencies, or in those States not having such an agency, by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in accordance with its recommended standards.

BAT is committed to improving the access of women to apprenticeship training to increase their employment in jobs that have historically put men on the career ladder to successful working careers. As apprenticeship has been the building block for a skilled and stable work force, it is also a career path that can provide an economically stable family life in mainstream America.

Definitions

Nontraditional Occupations (NTOs) are those where women account for less than 25 percent of all persons employed in a single occupational group.

Pre-Apprenticeship programs for women prepare them to keep pace with occupational skills training or entry-level employment in nontraditional occupations. The curriculum includes pre-vocational instruction in identification and use of tools, blueprint reading, basic shop skills, and safety procedures, as well as math skills, and physical conditioning.

Apprenticeship is a formal paid training-work agreement where labor and management work together to promote learning on the job. (Some BAT registered apprenticeship programs are operated by employers independent of labor unions.) To support the ''hands on'' learning, there must be related theoretical instruction (often classroom). After successfully completing the BAT-registered program standards—usually three to five years—the apprentice is awarded a certificate of completion by either the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training (BAT) or the State Apprenticeship Council.

Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) are as defined in Section 4(5) of the Job Training Partnership Act (29 U.S.C 1501(5)): Private nonprofit organizations which are representative of communities or significant segments of communities and which provide job training services. For this solicitation, communities or significant segments of communities are the private nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated at least three years experience in (1) the operation and delivery of employment and training related services to women, and (2) the development of policies, programs and technical assistance for employers and labor unions for the recruitment, selection, training, placing, retaining, and otherwise preparation of WOMEN to enter and remain in APPRENTICESHIP and other NONTRADITIONAL OCCUPATIONS (NTOs).

Please Note That Eligible Applicants Must Not Be Classified Under The IRS Tax Code as A 501(c)(4) Entity.

A. Authorities

The technical assistance grants were first authorized under the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Act, Pub. L. 102–530, approved October 27, 1992.

B. Purpose of the Demonstration

The purpose of the WANTO demonstration program is to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions to encourage and prepare them to increase the participation of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations in their workplaces. Such activity will increase the total level of employment of women in good jobs that pay living wages.

Part II. Application Process

A. Eligible Applicants

1. Private, Nonprofit, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) are the only entities eligible for grant awards. Public bodies such as JTPA administrative entities, schools, and hospitals are not eligible for WANTO grants.

Please Note That Eligible Applicants Must Not Be Classified Under The IRS Tax Code as A 501(c)(4) Entity.

(a.) Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) are the eligible applicants to receive WANTO grants to provide technical assistance to private sector employers and labor unions that request assistance to prepare them/their workplaces to recruit, select, train, place, retain women in apprenticeship or other nontraditional occupations, including linking their apprenticeship program to pre-apprenticeship programs with specific employment. The Department is interested in leveraging WANTO technical assistance to private sector employers and labor unions in Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) as noted in Appendices A and B. The final goal would be to increase the participation of EZ/EC women returning to work after welfare or other long-term work disruptions in apprenticeship and nontraditional jobs/career paths. CBOs should note well: CBOs should demonstrate their interaction with the community beyond direct services for a fee, e.g., CBO activities for social and economic change in their community to support women.

(b.) Specific Technical Assistance provided by CBOs may include:

(1) Developing outreach and orientation sessions to recruit women into the employers' apprenticeable occupations and nontraditional occupations;

(2) Developing pre-apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional skills training to prepare women for apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;

(3) Providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations;

(4) Setting up support groups and facilitating networks for women in nontraditional occupations on or off the job site to improve their retention;

(5) Setting up a local computerized data base referral system to maintain a current list of tradeswomen who are available for work;

(6) Serving as a liaison between tradeswomen and employers and tradeswomen and labor unions to address workplace issues related to gender; and

(7) Conducting exit interviews with tradeswomen to evaluate their on-the-job experience and to assess the effectiveness of the program.

(8) Developing cooperative projects that leverage WANTO technical assistance with EZ/EC area social and human services resources to support employers' and labor unions' integration of women returning to work after welfare or other long-term work disruptions.

(c.) Employers and Labor Unions are eligible to request and receive technical assistance provided by community-based organizations with a WANTO grant. Such technical assistance includes all items listed under A.(b.)(1)-(8) above and including linking pre-apprenticeship with a commitment for employment and/or sponsored apprenticeship training, and any other technical assistance an employer or labor union may need to increase the participation of women returning to work to enter and remain in apprenticeship and other nontraditional occupations, particularly in the manufacturing and information technology industries.

To be selected to receive technical assistance either through direct application with a CBO, or independent of a specific CBO, employers and labor unions must submit a request (as described below) and send it directly to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Procurement Services, Room N–5416, Attention: Lisa Harvey, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

(d.) All Employers and Labor Unions must provide a written commitment for technical assistance by answering the following:

(1) A description of the need for assistance;

(2) A description of the types of apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations in which the employer or labor union would like to train or employ women;

(3) Assurances that there are or will be suitable and appropriate employment available in the apprenticeable occupations or in the nontraditional occupations being targeted; and

(4) Commitments that all reasonable efforts should be made to place women in apprenticeable occupations or nontraditional occupations as they develop skills.

B. Contents

To be considered responsive to this SGA, each application must consist of, and follow the order of, the sections listed in Part III of this solicitation. The application must also include information which the applicant believes will address the selection criteria identified in Part IV. Technical proposals shall not exceed 20 single sided, double spaced, 10 to 12 pitch typed pages (not including attachments). *Any Proposal That Does Not Conform to These Standards Shall be Deemed Nonresponsive to This SGA and Will Not be Evaluated.*

1. Technical Proposal

Each proposal shall include: (1) A two-page abstract summarizing the proposal, and (2) a complete description of the CBO's program for technical assistance, including information required in *Part III and IV.* No cost data or reference to price shall be included in the technical proposal.

2. Cost Proposal

The cost proposal is a physically separate document and shall not be included in the twenty (20) page limit. The cost (business) proposal must be separate from the technical proposal. (If applicants do not have the current version of the standard grant forms listed below, they must download the forms from the following OMB website address: www.whitehouse.gov.wh/eop/omb/grants/). The transmittal letter and the grant assurances and certifications forms shall be attached to the business proposal, which shall consist of the following:

a. Standard Form 424 ''Application for Federal Assistance,'' signed by an official from the applicant's organization who is authorized to enter the organization into a grant agreement with the Department of Labor. The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA) is 17.700*;

b. Standard Budget Form 424A ''Budget Information Form,''; and

c. Budget Narrative; provide a narrative explanation of the budget which describes all proposed costs and indicates how they are related to the operation of the project. Provide this information separately for the amount of requested Federal funding and the amount of proposed Non-Federal contribution. In an application which proposes to fund staff positions, the budget narrative must provide information which describes the number of proposed positions by title and by the amount of staff time and salary charged to Federal and Non-Federal funding resources. The Budget Narrative provides the detailed description of the costs reflected on the SF 424A.

C. Funding Levels

The Department expects to have $1,000,000 to be disbursed through WANTO grants. The Department expects to make up to eight (8) awards to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). The Women's Bureau expects awards to range from approximately $75,000 to $150,000, depending upon the scope of the proposal's demonstration and technical assistance activities to be delivered.

D. Length of Grant and Grant Awards

The initial performance period for the grants awarded under this SGA shall be for fifteen (15) months with one (1) option to extend for up to three months as a no-cost extension to complete final reports. Each applicant shall reflect in their application the intention to begin operation no later than *September 1998.*

E. Submission

One (1) ink-signed original, complete grant application (plus five (5) copies of the Technical Proposal and three (3) copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Procurement Services, Room N–5416, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, not later than 4:45 p.m. ET, August 17, 1998. Hand delivered applications must be received by the Office of Procurement Services by that time. Any application received at the Office of Procurement Services after 4:45 p.m. ET will not be considered unless it is received before an award is made and:

1. It was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before August 17, 1998 (i.e., not later than August 12, 1998);

2. It is determined by the Government that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the Government after receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor at the above address; or

3. It was sent by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5 p.m. ET at the place of mailing two working days, excluding weekends and Federal holidays, prior to August 17, 1998 (i.e., not later than 5 p.m. ET August 13, 1998).

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by registered or certified mail is the U.S. Postal Service postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. If the postmark is not legible, an application received after the above closing time and date shall be processed as if mailed late. ''Postmark'' means a printed, stamped or otherwise placed impression (*not* a postage meter machine impression) that is readily identifiable without further action as having been applied and affixed by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service on the date of mailing. Therefore, applicants shall request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the wrapper or envelope.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of mailing of a late application sent by U.S. Postal Service Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee is the date entered by the post office receiving clerk on the ''Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee'' label and the postmark on the envelope or wrapper and on the original receipt from the U.S. Postal Service. ''Postmark'' has the same meaning as defined above. Therefore, applicants shall request that the postal clerk place a legible hand cancellation bull's-eye postmark on both the receipt and the envelope or wrapper.

The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt at the U.S. Department of Labor is the date/time stamp of the Office of Procurement Services on the application wrapper or other documentary evidence of receipt maintained by that office. Applications sent by E-mail, telegram, or facsimile (Fax) will *not* be accepted.

Part III. The Statement of Work—Key Features

A. Introduction and Priority

All respondents to this SGA (98–04) are encouraged to carefully read and review the material discussed in the summary section above on this SGA. Applications that do not meet the minimum terms and conditions of this solicitation may be disqualified. The Department has priority interest in providing technical assistance to employers and labor unions in nonconstruction industries, particularly manufacturing and information technology, and in registered *apprenticeships* in the skilled building trades in construction, including highway construction, who are interested in supporting the placement and skill development of women returning to work after welfare or other long-term work disruptions residing in rural and urban EZ/EC communities noted in Appendices A and

B. Grants will be awarded competitively to private, nonprofit Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

with at least three (3) years of experience in providing employment and training programs and support services to increase the participation of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations, particularly for women with employment barriers, including women returning to work after welfare and other work disruptions.

Note well: Each Proposal Must Have a Specifically Defined Internal Evaluation Design.] (See Part II.A. Eligible Applicants, above.)

Such experienced CBOs will deliver technical assistance to employers and labor unions to prepare them to recruit, train, promote, and retain women returning to work from welfare to enter and remain in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. The Department has priority interest in further focusing on developing cooperative projects in Federally designated Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities (EZs/ECs) where a number of public programs are being leveraged to revitalize their economies. Further, the Department has a priority interest in focusing WANTO technical assistance to employers and labor unions in nonconstruction industries, particularly in areas with potential for good, high-pay occupations with benefits for stable year-round work in nonconstruction industries, e.g., public utilities, telecommunications, high-tech manufacturing (including tool and die occupations), computer-based information technologies (including business and professional services), high-tech health industries, and private employers and contractors in State or Federal Department of Transportation highway and road projects and *apprenticeship* in the skilled building trades.

Bonus Points: Thirty (30) bonus points will be added to the technical score of proposals that MUST focus on EZ/EC areas, as well as include the priorities discussed above in the Summary section of this SGA and noted below.

1. Provide technical assistance in Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities;

2. Provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions in nonconstruction industries, particularly in high-tech and skilled manufacturing and information technology;

3. Provide commitment from employers and labor unions for matches with EZ/EC area women who are returning to work after welfare and other dependencies;

4. Provide employers and labor unions with community-wide resources to assist employers and labor unions in providing support services—child care, transportation, and transitional costs—so that women returning to work can enter and complete apprenticeship and other nontraditional training and employment;

5. Provide employers and labor unions with strategies to allow labor force entry women to work and participate in developmental skill and related training, both informal on-the-job/buddy systems and more formal skill attainment.

Other projects will receive consideration and be evaluated.

B. Key Features

1. Wanto Project Proposal Submissions should provide for technical assistance between a Community-Based Organization (CBO) and requesting employers and labor unions, particularly nonconstruction industries. Such an entity can also provide for the linking of pre-apprenticeship programs to apprenticeship programs sponsored by employers and labor unions. All technical assistance grant activity has the goal to increase the employment of women in apprenticeship and other nontraditional occupations.

Grant proposals must include a specific internal program evaluation design and process and must specify expected outcomes based on the CBO's past experience and expenditures for the following:

—The proposed number of employers and labor unions to be provided on-site technical assistance, those to receive, and methodology for reaching proposed goals;

—The proposed number of women to be trained, placed, promoted, and/or retained in apprenticeship and other nontraditional employment and methodology for reaching proposed goals;

—Any other activities for which grant funds will be expended.

2. CBOs that apply for funding to provide technical assistance must provide information on their experience and accomplishments in apprenticeship and nontraditional activities in the areas of: (1) Policy, (2) program development, (3) program operation, and (4) the provision of technical assistance to business, labor organizations, and other activities in the employment and training community related to increasing the participation of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional employment.

a. List name, trade, and organizational position of tradeswomen and other women in nontraditional occupations on staff or on your organization's Board of Directors. Include the dates when tradeswomen served in active paid or unpaid positions in your organization.

b. In addition, all applications must also include a management and staff loading plan. The management plan is to include a project organizational chart and accompanying narrative which differentiate between elements of the applicant's staff and subcontractors or consultants who will be retained. The staff loading plan must identify all key tasks and the hours required to complete each task. Labor estimates for each task must be broken down by individuals assigned to the task, including subcontractors and consultants. All key tasks must be charted to show time required to perform them by months or weeks.

c. Proposed projects should include a discussion of support services to participants that include (1) transitional costs (which may include living expenses as well as fees, union dues, uniforms, etc.), (2) child care, and (3) transportation.

d. Proposed projects should include outreach activities to improve apprenticeship and NTO opportunities for women in their own workplaces as well as women seeking to enter NTO career ladder employment and training.

e. Proposed projects should clearly identify expected outcomes in terms of: (1) An employer or labor union workplace—number of welfare to work placements and type of training or technical assistance agreement, (2) number of apprenticeship training commitments and other work commitments by employer/labor organizations, (3) number of participants moving into higher level NTO employment, (4) number of women participants moving from pre-apprenticeship into a sponsored apprenticeship program, and (5) number of pre-apprenticeship women moving into permanent employment without participating in an apprenticeship program.

f. Proposed project submissions should include a listing of all items for which grant funds will be expended. (Do not include any cost information for this item in the technical proposal, but expenditure items *MUST* be listed.)

g. Proposed project submissions should include any leverage or co-funding anticipated by this submission, particularly leverage with other specific EZ/EC programs (e.g., HUD or USDA) and interaction with overall EZ/EC program contacts listed with EZ/EC

cities and areas listed in Appendices A and B.

h. Proposed project submissions should include copies of the CBO's budget and major funding sources for the past three (3) years, including foundation and government grants and other types of funding.

In addition to the grant's final report, proposed project submissions should include plans for a ''how-to-do-it'' project replication manual, including awareness/outreach material, technical assistance and curriculum manual(s) and all other materials developed as a result of the grant activities. All grant materials should be submitted with ''hard copy'' and electronic (computer-based) copy.

j. The proposed project submission should include any activities to encourage and promote the continuation or expansion of grant activities beyond the grant's period of program performance.

Part IV. Evaluation Criteria and Selection

Applicants are advised that selection for a grant award is to be made after careful evaluation of technical applications by a panel. Each panelist will evaluate applications against the various criteria on the basis of 100 points. The scores will then serve as the primary basis to select applications for a potential award. Clarification may be requested of grant applicants if the situation so warrants it. Please see Part III, Sections A and B for additional information on the elements against which proposals will be reviewed. After proposals are fully evaluated for responsiveness to Technical Evaluation Criteria 1.a.–1.c., the distribution of bonus points will be determined. Only those proposals whose technical score falls within the technically acceptable range will be eligible to receive bonus points.

1. Technical Evaluation Criteria—Points

a. Capabilities and Qualifications of CBO and Staff (NTO experience, education, and work with the community for social and/or economic change to support women): 50 points.

b. Established Linkages and Relationship with Employers, Labor Unions, EZ/EC Communities and Welfare to Work Social Agencies: 25 points.

c. Quality and Scope of WANTO Project: 25 points. (Must include a specific internal program evaluation design. Such as, proposed number of employers, labor unions for on-site technical assistance, number of women affected and served by the WANTO project and placed in apprenticeship or nontraditional employment; proposed career ladder and technical assistance strategies to promote the increase in women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations for employers and labor unions; proposed job placement outcomes.)

2. Bonus Points

a. Priority Focus: 30 points. (See Part III.A. Statement of Work—Key Features, Bonus Points.)

3. Cost Criteria

Proposals will be scored, based on their costs in relation to other proposals submitted in response to this SGA.

4. Total Score

Technical quality of proposals will be weighted three (3) times the estimated price in ranking proposals, for purposes of selections for awards. Proposals received will be evaluated by a review panel based on the criteria immediately above, in Technical Evaluation Criteria 1 and 2. The panel's recommendations will be advisory, and final awards will be made based on the best interests of the Government, including but not limited to such factors as technical quality, geographic balance, occupational/industrial impact, and diversity in service providers.

The Department wishes to make it clear that it is not simply the best written proposals that will be chosen, but rather those which demonstrate the greatest experience and commitment to assisting employers and labor organizations to successfully develop successful strategies to increase the participation of women in higher-paying apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations and to expand the employment and self-sufficiency options of women returning to work after welfare and other work and family disruptions. In addition, the Department considers geographic and race-ethnic diversity in the array of award-winning proposals important considerations in making the final awards.

The submission of the same proposal from any prior year WANTO competition does not guarantee an award under this solicitation. Although the Government reserves the right to award on the basis of the initial proposal submission, the Government may establish a competitive range or technically acceptable range based upon proposal evaluation, for the purpose of selecting qualified applicants. The panel's conclusions are advisory in nature and not binding on the Grant Officer. The Government reserves the right to ask for clarification or hold discussions, but is not obligated to do so. The Grant Officer's determination for award under this SGA 98–04 is the final agency action.

Part V

A. Deliverables

(This section is provided only so that grantees may more accurately estimate the staffing budgetary requirements when preparing their proposal. Applicants are to exclude from their cost proposal the cost of any requested travel to Washington, DC.)

1. No later than four (4) weeks after an award, the grantees and partners shall meet with the Women's Bureau and the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training at the Post-Award Conference to discuss the demonstration project and related components and technical assistance activities, time lines, technical assistance outcomes, assessment for comment, and final approval. The grantees and partners and the Department will discuss and make decisions on the following program activities:

a. The proposed technical assistance commitments for employment, apprenticeship and related nontraditional occupation activities and responsibilities; the number of partnerships with EZ/EC communities, employers and labor unions to be served.

b. The methodology the proposed partnership will use to support/change management and employee attitudes to promote female workers in nontraditional occupations.

c. The types of systemic change anticipated by technical assistance strategies anticipated to be incorporated into ongoing employer recruitment, hiring, training, and promotion of women in apprenticeship and apprenticeable nontraditional occupations.

d. The occupational, industrial, and geographical impact anticipated.

e. The supportive services to be provided to employers and women after successful placement into employment, apprenticeship, or other supporting nontraditional occupations.

f. The plan for the development and maintenance of a relationship with the State level of the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training and the State Apprenticeship Council.

The Women's Bureau and the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training will provide further input orally and in writing, if necessary, within ten (10) working days after the Post-Award Conference.

1. No later than ten (10) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) and the

Women's Bureau will confirm the ''plan of action'' or detailed time line for program implementation.

2. No later than twelve (12) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall have begun the provision of technical assistance to employers and labor unions to recruit, select, train, place, retain, and other areas of preparation to promote the increase of women in apprenticeable occupations and other nontraditional training for women, characterized by employment growth and above average earnings.

3. No later than sixteen (16) weeks after an award, the first quarterly progress report of work done under this grant will be due. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due twenty (20) working days after the end of each of the remaining quarters.

Quarterly progress reports must include:

a. A description of overall progress on work performed during the reporting period—(a) the number of employers and labor unions provided on-site, off-site (conferences, workshops, seminars, training, etc., (b) number of women trained (on and off the workplace), placed in apprenticeship or other nontraditional employment. Describe: (1) Any linkages of pre-apprenticeship (on and off a workplace) with sponsored apprenticeship: Number of women effected or participating in programs; include name and address of workplace/company and person responsible for the operation, (2) number of employers and labor unions receiving technical assistance—name, address, size of the workplace, including proportion of women, include brief profiles of employers and labor organizations, (3) describe any systemic workplace and policy changes—actual or in process, including the hiring and promotion of women already in the workplace, career ladders or other training activities, (4) public presentations, (5) media articles or appearances, (6) publications disseminated, and (7) publications developed.

b. An indication of any current problems which may impede the performance of the grant and the proposed corrective action.

c. A discussion of work to be performed during the next reporting period.

Between scheduled reporting dates the grantee(s) also shall immediately inform the Grant Officer's Technical Representative (GOTR) of significant developments affecting the grantee's ability to accomplish the work.

5. No later than sixty-four (64) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall submit three (3) copies of the draft Final Report, an integrated draft analysis of the process and results of the technical assistance activities during the year. The Women's Bureau and the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training will provide written comments on the draft Report within twenty (20) working days if substantive problems are identified. The grantee's response to these comments shall be incorporated into the Final Report.

6. The Final Report shall cover findings, final performance data, outcome results and assessment, and employer or labor organization plans for follow-up of participants. The Final Report shall provide all information to replicate the project including copies of curriculums, technical assistance materials developed for the project and technical assistance—videos, posters, notices, etc., as well as any plans for replication and dissemination of information. An Executive Summary of the findings and recommendations shall be included in the Final Report, completely separate or separately combined with the Final Report.

No later than sixty-four (64) weeks after an award, the grantee(s) shall (1) submit one (1) diskette (IBM compatible, WordPerfect 6.1), one (1) camera-ready copy of the Final Report, and five (5) copies of the camera-ready Final Report, bound in a professional manner, and not a collection of loose leaf sheets, and (2) computer-based, electronic files for each of the other products—e.g., manual(s), curriculums, ''how-to-do-it'' handbooks, videos, etc.—paid for with grant funds, along with five (5) copies of the final camera-ready products.

B. Administrative Provisions

The grant awarded under this SGA shall be subject to the following administrative standards and provisions:

29 CFR Part 97—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;

29 CFR Part 96—Federal Standards for Audit of Federally Funded Grants, Contracts and Agreements;

29 CFR Part 95—Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, etc.

C. Certifications and Assurances

If the applicant is awarded a grant, they are required to operate the program in accordance with the following Certifications and Assurances. An original signed and dated signature page providing the following Certifications and Assurances must accompany the Cost Proposal. Each can be downloaded from the OMB website address www.whitehouse.gov/wh/eop/omb/grants/.

D. Allowable Costs

Determinations of allowable costs shall be made in accordance with the following applicable Federal cost principles:

a. State and Local Governments—OMB Circular A–87.

b. Educational Institutions—OMB Circular A–21.

c. Nonprofit Organizations—OMB Circular S–122.

d. Profit-making Commercial Firms—48 CFR Part 31.

Signed at Washington, DC., on June 24, 1998.

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